# NORTHERN DISTRICT OF ILLINOIS EASTERN DIVISION

CYNTHIA RUSSO, LISA BULLARD, RICARDO GONZALES, INTERNATIONAL BROTHERHOOD OF ELECTRICAL WORKERS LOCAL 38 HEALTH AND WELFARE FUND, INTERNATIONAL UNION OF OPERATING ENGINEERS LOCAL 295-295C WELFARE FUND, AND STEAMFITTERS FUND LOCAL 439, on Behalf of Themselves and All Others Similarly Situated,

Plaintiffs,

v.

WALGREEN CO.,

Defendant.

Civil No. 1:17-cv-02246

Judge Edmond E. Chang Magistrate Judge Sheila Finnegan

## PLAINTIFFS' MOTION FOR CLASS CERTIFICATION

Plaintiffs Cynthia Russo ("Russo"), Lisa Bullard ("Bullard"), Ricardo Gonzales ("Gonzales) (collectively with Plaintiffs Russo and Bullard, the "Individual Plaintiffs"), International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers Local 38 Health and Welfare Fund, International Union of Operating Engineers Local 295-295 Welfare Fund, and Steamfitters Fund Local 439 (the "Fund Plaintiffs," and with the Individual Plaintiffs, "Plaintiffs"), having conferred with Defendant Walgreen Co., which objects to the relief requested herein, hereby respectfully move the Court for an Order pursuant to Federal Rule of Civil Procedure 23(c) certifying the following multi-state class under Federal Rules of Civil Procedure 23(a), (b)(2), and (b)(3):

Multi-State Class: All persons, or entities, for whom prescription drug insurance benefits were provided through the Relevant PBMs (a.k.a., A&A Services, LLC d/b/a SAV-RX Prescription Services; Caremark, LLC; Castia Rx (f/k/a Leehar Distributors Missouri, LLC); Express Scripts, Inc.; Medco Health Solutions, Inc.; MedImpact Healthcare Systems, Inc.; MedTrak Services, LLC; and/or OptumRx, Inc.), and who paid or reimbursed, in whole or in

part, for generic prescription drugs from Walgreen Co. at any point in time from the period January 1, 2007 through the present, in Arizona, California, Connecticut, Delaware, Florida, Illinois, Massachusetts, New York, North Carolina, Ohio, Pennsylvania, and Wisconsin, where the usual and customary price was a basis for the amount paid or reimbursed in connection with the purchase of such drug, and the amount paid or reimbursed was inflated because the Prescription Savings Club price was not reported or otherwise included when determining the usual and customary price to report.

Pursuant to Federal Rule of Civil Procedure 23(c)(5), Plaintiffs respectfully move the Court to divide the Multi-State Class into the following subclasses (together with the Multi-State Class, the "Classes"):

Unfairness Subclass: All persons, or entities, for whom prescription drug insurance benefits were provided through the Relevant PBMs (a.k.a., A&A Services, LLC d/b/a SAV-RX Prescription Services; Caremark, LLC; Castia Rx (f/k/a Leehar Distributors Missouri, LLC); Express Scripts, Inc.; Medco Health Solutions, Inc.; MedImpact Healthcare Systems, Inc.; MedTrak Services, LLC; and/or OptumRx, Inc.), and who paid or reimbursed, in whole or in part, for generic prescription drugs from Walgreen Co. at any point in time from the period January 1, 2007 through the present, in Arizona, California, Connecticut, Delaware, Florida, Illinois, Massachusetts, and North Carolina, where the usual and customary price was a basis for the amount paid or reimbursed in connection with the purchase of such drug, and the amount paid or reimbursed was inflated because the Prescription Savings Club price was not reported or otherwise included when determining the usual and customary price to report.

Unjust Enrichment Subclass: All persons, or entities, for whom prescription drug insurance benefits were provided through the Relevant PBMs (a.k.a., A&A Services, LLC d/b/a SAV-RX Prescription Services; Caremark, LLC; Castia Rx (f/k/a Leehar Distributors Missouri, LLC); Express Scripts, Inc.; Medco Health Solutions, Inc.; MedImpact Healthcare Systems, Inc.; MedTrak Services, LLC; and/or OptumRx, Inc.), and who paid or reimbursed, in whole or in part, for generic prescription drugs from Walgreen Co. at any point in time from the period January 1, 2007 through the present, in California, Connecticut, Illinois, Massachusetts, and New York, where the usual and customary price was a basis for the amount paid or reimbursed in connection with the purchase of such drug, and the amount paid or reimbursed was inflated because the Prescription Savings Club price was not reported or otherwise included when determining the usual and customary price to report.

Excluded from the Classes are: (1) Walgreen Co. and its management, employees,

subsidiaries, and affiliates; (2) the Court, members of their immediate families, and judicial staff;

(3) all government entities, including Medicare and Medicaid, and their beneficiaries, except for

Medicare Part D beneficiaries; (4) all government-funded entities, and their beneficiaries; (5) all

pharmacy benefit managers and entities that have or had a parent or subsidiary relationship with

any pharmacy benefit manager at any time since January 1, 2007; and (6) all individuals and

entities, except for the named Plaintiffs, that have sued or initiated formal dispute resolution

proceedings against Walgreen Co. relating to its determination of usual and customary prices in

connection with the Prescription Savings Club.

Pursuant to Federal Rule of Civil Procedure 23(a)(4), Plaintiffs respectfully move the

Court to appoint the following as class representatives:

1. For the Multi-State Class: All Plaintiffs;

2. For the Unfairness Subclass: All Plaintiffs; and

3. For the Unjust Enrichment Subclass: The Fund Plaintiffs and Plaintiff

Bullard.

Pursuant to Federal Rules of Civil Procedure 23(a)(4) and 23(g), Plaintiffs respectfully

move the Court to appoint Scott+Scott Attorneys at Law LLP and Robbins Geller Rudman &

Dowd LLP as class counsel.

The bases for Plaintiffs' Motion are set forth in the accompanying memorandum of law,

the Declaration of Joseph P. Guglielmo, the expert reports of Dr. Lynette Hilton and Dr. Kenneth

Schafermeyer, and the exhibits and appendices attached thereto.

Plaintiffs respectfully request that the Court enter the Proposed Order attached hereto.

Dated: November 17, 2022

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